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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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| Applicant's or agent's file reference FOCU/ P28000PC | FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. | |
| International application No. PCT / GB 03/ 02180 | International filing date (day/month/year) 20/05/2003 | (Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 06/06/2002 |
| Applicant FOCUS SOLUTIONS GROUP PLC | | |

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

as suggested by the applicant.

because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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International Application No
PCT/GB02180A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G06F17/24

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|----------|--|----------------------------|
| X | <p>CARLSON C R ET AL: "Forms interfaces and their view supportability properties" COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND APPLICATIONS CONFERENCE, 1990. COMPSAC 90. PROCEEDINGS., FOURTEENTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CHICAGO, IL, USA 31 OCT.-2 NOV. 1990, LOS ALAMITOS, CA, USA, IEEE COMPUT. SOC, US, 31 October 1990 (1990-10-31), pages 448-452, XP010019753 ISBN: 0-8186-2054-4 abstract page 448, left-hand column, paragraph 1; figure 1 page 449, left-hand column, paragraphs 1-3 page 450, left-hand column, paragraph 2 -page 451, right-hand column, paragraph 1 page 451, right-hand column, last paragraph</p> | 1-4, 6-23, 25, 27-34 |

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

Date of mailing of the international search report

5 December 2003

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|----------|--|------------------------|
| Y | --- | 24 |
| X | US 5 774 887 A (BRUNNER HANS ET AL) 30 June 1998 (1998-06-30) column 2, line 36-53 column 3, line 65 -column 5, line 8 column 5, line 59 -column 6, line 45 column 7, line 53 -column 8, line 12; figures 1-3 column 10, line 58 -column 11, line 18; figure 6 | 1-4, 6-23, 25-34 |
| Y | --- | 24 |
| Y | "Getting Started with Oracle Change Management Pack" ORACLE, 'Online! June 2001 (2001-06), pages 1.22-1.23, XP002264044 Retrieved from the Internet: <URL: http://download-uk.oracle.com/docs/pd/f/A88717_01.pdf > 'retrieved on 2003-12-05! the whole document | 24 |
| A | EP 0 678 817 A (BRITISH TELECOMM) 25 October 1995 (1995-10-25) column 1, line 35-53 | 4,8 |
| A | MIKE HANSON: "Saving Time with Global Templates" CLARION MAGAZINE, 'Online! 1 October 1998 (1998-10-01), XP002264045 Retrieved from the Internet: <URL: http://tinyurl.com/xq0a > 'retrieved on 2003-12-05! the whole document | 23 |

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 5, 35

Claim 5 is not clear because even in the light of the description the expression "output message format" does not make any sense to a person skilled in the art of electronic form building.

The description must disclose the invention in a manner sufficiently clear and complete for the invention to be carried out by a person skilled in the art (Article 5, PCT). Nowhere in the description is there an explanation of the term which would enable a skilled person to interpret it. Consequently, the description does not provide full support for claim 5 either (Article 6, PCT).

The lack of clarity was such that no meaningful search was possible.

Claim 35 refers to other parts of the application (Rule 6.2a PCT).

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORTInternational application No.
GB 03/02180**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 5, 35 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/GB93/02180

| Patent document cited in search report | Publication date | Patent family member(s) | | Publication date |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| US 5774887 | A 30-06-1998 | NONE | | |
| EP 0678817 | A 25-10-1995 | EP 0678817 A1 | | 25-10-1995 |

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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)CHARIG, Raymond, J.
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United KingdomDate of mailing (day/month/year)
22 August 2003 (22.08.03)Applicant's or agent's file reference
FOCU/P28000PC

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.
PCT/GB03/02180International filing date (day/month/year)
20 May 2003 (20.05.03)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

 the applicant the inventor the agent the common representative

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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

the receiving Office the designated Offices concerned
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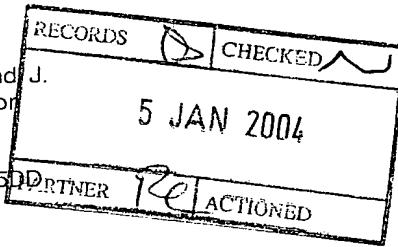
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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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PCT/GB03/02180

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20 May 2003 (20.05.03)

Priority date (day/month/year)
06 June 2002 (06.06.02)

Applicant

FOCUS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LIMITED et al

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has **communicated**, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this notice:

AU, AZ, BY, CH, CN, CO, DE, DZ, EP, HU, JP, KG, KP, KR, MD, MK, MZ, RU, TM, US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE, AG, AL, AM, AP, AT, BA, BB, BG, BR, BZ, CA, CR, CU, CZ, DK, DM, EA, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, ID, IL, IN, IS, KE, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MG, MN, MW, MX, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PH, PL, PT, RO, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, TJ, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 18 December 2003 (18.12.03) under No. WO 03/105022

4. **TIME LIMITS for filing a demand for international preliminary examination and for entry into the national phase**

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, **subject to what is said in the following paragraph**, be **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of **19 months** from the priority date, but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 19926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the *PCT Newsletter*, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, **time limits other than the 30-month time limit** will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain designated or elected Offices. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the *PCT Gazette*, the *PCT Newsletter* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters, all available from WIPO's Internet site, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

For filing a **demand for international preliminary examination**, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits.

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